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To establish the Carter G. Woodson Home National Historic Site in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. NORTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Carter G. Woodson
5 Home National Historic Site Establishment Act of 2003”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that:

8 (1) Dr. Carter G. Woodson, considered the fa-
9 ther of African-American history, founded in 1915
10 The Association for the Study of Negro Life and

1 History, renamed as The Association for the Study
2 of African-American Life and History.

3 (2) Through the Association, Dr. Woodson, the
4 son of slaves who earned a Ph.D. degree from Har-
5 vard University, dedicated his life to educating the
6 American public about the extensive and positive
7 contributions of African Americans to the Nation's
8 history and culture.

9 (3) Under Dr. Woodson's leadership, Negro
10 History Week was designated in 1926. That des-
11 ignation has since evolved into Black History Month
12 in February of each year.

13 (4) The headquarters and operations of the As-
14 sociation was Dr. Woodson's home at 1538 Ninth
15 Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C., where he lived
16 from 1915 to 1950.

17 (5) The Carter G. Woodson Home was des-
18 ignated as a National Historic Landmark in 1976
19 for its national significance in African-American cul-
20 tural heritage.

21 (6) A National Park Service study of the Carter
22 G. Woodson Home dated June 2002, found that the
23 Carter G. Woodson Home is suitable for designation
24 as a unit of the National Park System, and is fea-
25 sible for designation so long as property adjacent to

1 the home is available for National Park Service ad-
2 ministrative, curatorial, access, and visitor interpre-
3 tative needs.

4 (7) Establishment of the Carter G. Woodson
5 Home National Historic Site would foster opportuni-
6 ties for developing and promoting interpretation of
7 African-American cultural heritage throughout the
8 Shaw area of Washington, D.C.

9 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to pre-
10 serve, protect, and interpret for the benefit, education, and
11 inspiration of present and future generations, the home
12 of the preeminent historian and educator Dr. Carter G.
13 Woodson, founder of the organization known today as The
14 Association for the Study of African-American Life and
15 History.

16 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

17 In this Act:

18 (1) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary
19 of the Interior.

20 (2) The term “historic site” means the Carter
21 G. Woodson Home National Historic Site.

22 (3) The term “map” means the map entitled
23 “Carter G. Woodson Home National Historic Site”,
24 numbered 876/82338 and dated February 10, 2003.

1 **SEC. 4. CARTER G. WOODSON HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC**
2 **SITE.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—After the Secretary has ac-
4 quired, or agreed to a long-term lease for, the majority
5 of the property described in subsection (b), the Secretary
6 shall establish as a unit of the National Park System the
7 Carter G. Woodson Home National Historic Site.

8 (b) BOUNDARY.—The historic site shall consist of the
9 property located at 1538 Ninth Street, Northwest, in the
10 District of Columbia and three adjoining houses north of
11 that address, as depicted on the map, if acquired or leased
12 by the Secretary.

13 (c) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map shall be avail-
14 able for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the
15 National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

16 (d) ACQUISITION.—The Secretary may acquire lands
17 or interests in lands, and improvements thereon, within
18 the boundary of the historic site from willing owners by
19 donation, purchase with donated or appropriated funds,
20 or exchange.

21 (e) ADMINISTRATION.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall admin-
23 ister the historic site in accordance with this Act
24 and with laws generally applicable to units of the
25 National Park System, including the Act of August
26 25, 1916 (commonly known as the National Park

1 Service Organic Act; 16 U.S.C. 1 et seq.), and the
2 Act of August 21, 1935 (commonly known as the
3 Historic Sites, Buildings, and Antiquities Act; 16
4 U.S.C. 461 et seq.).

5 (2) REHABILITATION AGREEMENT.—In order to
6 achieve cost efficiencies in the restoration of prop-
7 erty, the Secretary may enter into an agreement
8 with the Shiloh Community Development Corpora-
9 tion for the purpose of rehabilitating the Carter G.
10 Woodson Home and other property within the
11 boundary of the historic site. The agreement may
12 contain such terms and conditions as the Secretary
13 deems appropriate.

14 (3) OPERATION AGREEMENT.—In order to rees-
15 tablish the historical connection between the home of
16 Dr. Woodson and the association he founded and to
17 facilitate interpretation of Dr. Woodson’s achieve-
18 ments, the Secretary may enter into an agreement
19 with The Association for the Study of African-Amer-
20 ican Life and History that allows the association to
21 use a portion of the historic site for its own adminis-
22 trative purposes. The agreement may contain such
23 terms and conditions as the Secretary deems appro-
24 priate.

1 (4) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Sec-
2 retary may enter into cooperative agreements with
3 public and private entities for the purpose of fos-
4 tering interpretation of African-American heritage in
5 the Shaw area of Washington, D.C.

6 (5) GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN.—The Sec-
7 retary shall prepare a general management plan for
8 the historic site within three years after funds are
9 made available for that purpose.

10 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

11 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
12 as are necessary to carry out this Act.

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